

THE last number of the Boston University Year Book contains a thoughtful essay by William F. Warren, president of the Boston University, entitled "Tax exemption the road to tax abolition." The author advocates the entire abolition of compulsory taxation and the substitution instead of voluntary contributions for the support of government. The suggestion will strike most persons at first as ridiculous and impracticable, and yet it can be supported by some strong and philosophical reasons. It is argued that in a free State the government ought to rest on free offerings; that the right of refusing to support a government is a safeguard which a free citizen ought never to surrender, that a government so established would stand on its good behavior, etc. The author of the essay says: "The abolition of compulsory taxation is more than a beautiful ideal. It is an incontestable fact that the whole social and political progress of the world is in this direction. Take up the history of any State which has fought its way out of despotism into liberty, and it will be found that greater progress has already been made toward the true goal than yet remains to be made." That the suggestion is not entirely impracticable has been proven by experiment in some of the small German States, before they were absorbed in the empire, where it was practiced successfully for several years, compulsory taxation being entirely done away with and each citizen contributing what he felt that he ought and could afford to.—*Int. Journal.*

It may be possible that, in the dim future, in fact so far in the future that the thing loses all its importance to us and our immediate descendants, the average American citizen will reach that state of patriotic exaltation in which it will be possible for him to voluntarily contribute for the support of the government such amount as he feels he "ought and could afford to," without having the fear of tax sales, damages, costs, etc., before his eyes. It may be possible that such a time will come, but when it does come that other great day will not be far off.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* having been defeated in a bid for the printing of postal cards, publishes the following in its issue of yesterday:

The first election in South Carolina since Hampton became governor occurred on Monday, in Fairfield county, a republican stronghold. The democrats carried the county, and elected two members of the legislature by over 1,200 majority. The colored voters kept away from the polls. The county lists tell of two republicans to represent them in the legislature, and they were members of the Mackey house. When the two legislatures came together the democrats refused to admit these two republicans unless they would apologize for the Mackey legislature. Refusing to do this, they were denied admission, and new elections ordered to fill their seats. The result is two democrats have been returned instead.

A HAUNTED CLOCK.

Batholomew Observer.

There is a clock in this city owned by a gentleman who is not at all superstitious, but yet he cannot account for a curious way his old family clock is acting of late. It is an eight day clock, but wind it up when you may, and at 6:30 o'clock on Saturday evening that clock is dead sure to stand still. It can be easily started by moving the pendulum, and it will then continue till it runs down. It has been wound up from the eighth day to within an hour of the time, but it never fails to stop when it reaches the 6:30 hour mark Saturday evening. This is strange and unaccountable, but as true as gospel.

A RATIFICATION.

A gentleman sends the Bloomington *Pantograph* the following receipt for killing rats:

You can get rid of them by putting some boxes in places exposed to rats. Fill these boxes part full with bits of wood, newspapers, and anything else in which a rat can nest for hide. Then put into this box the refuse of your tables, bits of raw meat, cold potatoes cut so small they will eat, and swallow them, and not leave them for your dogs to get. Also put into the box some soaked in strychnine water. Get all this stuff moderately saturated with strychnine. Leave the lids on the boxes, but make ingresses and egress easy to the rats, by making some rat holes low down on the sides of the box, or near the bottom where the rats would run in and out at their leisure, and you can kill a thousand of them in twenty-four hours. I chased them out of a big mill neighborhood in Chicago in less than a week. Go at it with system, and by management you can rid your county of them in a short time.

For Sale.—A good frame dwelling with seven rooms, eight closets and pantries, cellar, well, electric and other improvements. Lot 100 by 160 feet, well situated with bearing fruit trees and vines. Apply at this office.

THE ROOT OF THE DIFFICULTY.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—I notice in your issue of Saturday last the following extract from the Chicago *Times*: Behind all other wicked causes of the Rockford catastrophe is this barbaric taste of the American people for display—this tendency to sacrifice utility to those false notions of the beautiful which are among the most notable characteristics of a rude civilization. In the building of a court house the people of Rockford had two principal aims, namely, to erect a showy edifice that should be the wonder and surprise of the Winnebagoes, and to do it at a moderate outlay. They found, as most builders do, that the cost would exceed the estimates. In what part could the cost be reduced? They could not think of dispensing with the ornamental parts, they could not dispense with the absurd and useless Byzantine dome; to do that would impair the spectacular part of their programme. But they could reduce the strength of its supports; that would affect only the utilitarian part by bringing the whole edifice to the ground a mass of ruins.

Now does this present the real difficulty in the case? It is undoubtedly true that there is a great desire for show in the public mind. Churches, schoolhouses, court houses, in fact all public buildings, are erected with the idea that the property of the tax payers can be greatly benefited by making a great display. But this is not necessarily wicked. The sad feature of the case is that people are willing to pay for such things, but are not willing to pay for educated intelligence. If a committee is appointed to construct a public building the first step is to insert a notice in the papers that plans will be received from architects until a certain date. As a result the man who can make the finest promises on paper, and tell the biggest lies about the probable cost of his plans to the committee, is sure to be awarded the "job." The reputation, character, knowledge or skill of the architect are not taken into account. It is presumed that he knows what he pretends.

The Rockford disaster shows the result of this abominable system. I do not know the history of that building from the beginning, but doubt not the authorities proceeded in the usual manner. If an architect had been selected of known and acknowledged skill and integrity and a fair price paid for the work done, this great waste of life and property would have been avoided. Why wasn't this done?—Simply because the people are not willing to pay for skill and integrity. If an architect had been selected because he was known to be qualified to do the work well, a howl of extravagance and favoritism would have been raised by disappointed competitors and believed by the community.

Officers charged with the erection of public buildings find it absolutely necessary, for their own protection, to advertise for proposals and then to let the work to the lowest bidder. Imagine Michael Angelo or Sir Christopher Wren undertaking to prepare plans under such a system! No better way can be devised to prevent the men, who are really qualified to do such work, from securing the contracts. They are usually secured against starvation. Nothing else will induce them to enter into a contest where no honor and but little pay can be expected.

NOT AN ARCHITECT.

This is the way the prohibitory law is enforced in Maine: The other day a lodger at the Johnson house in Gardiner, got up in the morning awful thirsty, and, approaching the landlord, said he must have a drink of cider. He was assured he could not buy it in the city. "Can you get it by the gallon, can't you?" he said. He was told he could. So he went up to a store and inquired if they had any cider to "sell by the gallon." He was told they had. He wanted to try it, and drew a pint dipper full and drank it. He said he "thought it was too hard for mine pie," and threw a dime on the counter and left.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The United States marshal, acting under orders from Washington, proceeded this morning to attach the property and effects of A. C. Hosing, H. B. Miller and Roselle, Junker & Co., to satisfy judgments obtained by the government against these parties on account of illicit whiskey operations, but was unable to find any property and was informed by the parties named that they had none.

Rockford, May 19.—The court house investigation is proceeding slowly. The experts have reported that the blame was divided. Superintendent Latham's testimony was favorable to Richardson and unfavorable to Gay. Jury adjourned till Monday.

Croquet.—John C. Mark has a full line of croquet sets, of different prices, and also new styles of picture frames and mouldings, all of which he is selling very cheap. Call and examine these goods before purchasing. May 19-dtf

TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN ECHOES.

THE BATTLE OF ARDAHAN.

A Russian Victory Reported.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

Washington Gossip.

WHAT BLAINE SAYS.

NEW YORK, May 19.—The *World* says: "Some days since the statement was made that the Russian fleet left this port in response to a request from Washington to that effect. There is trustworthy authority for adding that this request was in the form of an intimation from Secretary Evarts to the Grand Duke Alexis, that it was the desire of the president that Russian vessels should not longer remain in American waters and that the state department preferred to make the intimation privately hoping that it might thus be spared the formality from the state department. Russian commanders at once made preparations to leave, and it is mentioned as a significant fact in the same connection that although the Grand Dukes Alexis and Constantine and Admiral Boutakoff attended the reception at Gov. Morgan's house, they remained but a short time and rather conspicuously took their departure before the arrival of the president and his party."

The *Tribune* says from information obtained it has reason to believe the Russian fleet is now keeping watch along the coast for the purpose of intercepting vessels having manitons of war on board for Turkey, and it is stated that the Russian commander has been informed that a steamer would soon leave the vicinity of New Haven with a large cargo of munitions for Turkey.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—In response to inquiry at the state department, it is authoritatively stated that there is no foundation whatever for the report that the Russian fleet left New York in consequence of any request or intimation from the United States government.

NEW YORK, May 19.—On taking a vote in the state assembly at Albany last evening there was a very unusual scene. The question was on the passage of an appropriation bill of a million dollars to complete the new capital building. The workmen of the city had been given to understand it would be passed even if the governor vetoed it, and great excitement was occasioned thereby. Two hours were occupied in calling the roll and the requisite two-thirds vote to override the veto was wanting. On this announcement the crowds in the gallery and lobby yelled and hooted against those who voted against the workmen's interests, and as some of the members appeared outside several of them were driven back by the yelling crowd and members were obliged to escape by the rear doors to their hotels.

A large crowd of police arrived subsequently and drove the crowd back from the capital and from the governor's house, which was threatened. A large crowd then went to the Dolan and other hotels threatening to mob members, and in some cases threatening crowds followed members to their apartments. Finally the police managed to disperse them. No such scene ever occurred in Albany.

St. Petersburg, May 20.—The following is an official account of the battle of Ardahan: The outskirts of Ardahan, its fortifications, citadel and immense stores of provisions, sixty guns, and the camp formerly occupied by four battalions of Turks, lie at the feet of the Caucasus. On May 17 the admirable fire of our artillery, between three and six o'clock p. m., made a breach in the walls. At 6 o'clock the Erwan, Tiflis and Daku regiments and the Sappers advanced to the assault. The enemy could not withstand the onslaught, and fled, leaving a great number dead. At 9 o'clock our troops traversed the town and fortifications. The troops are full of enthusiasm. Our loss is believed to be one officer and fifty soldiers killed, and 4 officers and 180 soldiers wounded. I cannot find sufficient words of praise for the courage and coolness of our young soldiers, or for the good disposition of our troops made by the officers.

LONDON, May 20.—A Constantinople dispatch says: Sheikh Islam has proclaimed a holy war against Russia. An Imperial decree is published subjecting non-Muslims to military service. Ministerial changes are considered probable. The chamber of deputies has asked that the war minister be sent to the seat of war. At present, however, he remains at Constantinople. The expedition under Vazir Pasha, which started for Suchum Kaleh Friday, consisted of four large transports, four iron-clad frigates, one dispatch boat, 10,000 troops and five batteries of artillery.

LONDON, May 20.—An Erzeroum dispatch says a decisive battle is expected in the Kauk Mountains.

A Constantinople special to the *Telegraph* says: I am afraid we are on the verge of another coup d'etat. Relations between the Porte and the Chamber are so strained that the Chamber will probably close. The deputies recently made a violent attack on the Porte, alleging that the financial envoy who was sent to London was corrupt. Of 192 members all but two voted censuring the appointment.

The Russians attempted to regain Suchum Kaleh, but were repulsed with heavy loss. The attack on Kara was repulsed with heavy loss.

The *Standard* also has the following from various points: The Turks have sent reinforcements to Nikopolis to guard against the attempted passage of the Danube there. On the 1st of June all traffic on Roumanian railways will be stopped to allow the passage of stores and siege artillery. The Czar will remain at Bucharest until the end of the war. He will witness the passage of the Danube by the main body of the army. The Russians occupied Krajovo on Friday night, and Altonia on Saturday. They will occupy Turnu-zeveron and Kalafat. The Circassians who landed at Suchum Kaleh have arrived at the capital of the Abchazian country. The Abchazians are afraid to join them. In Moldavia communication with Jassy has been entirely interrupted by floods. The Valley of the Bistritza is a sea of water waist deep.

The *Pest's* Berlin dispatch says Count Andrassy has requested the withdrawal of Russians from the Alps. The French Ambassador, who is now on leave of absence, is hastening to Berlin to explain the peaceful character of the new French Cabinet. Notwithstanding due assurances, the mistrust in official circles here continues.

A Bucharest dispatch, dated Sunday, says the advance of the Russian column of infantry mentioned in previous dispatches passed Bucharest at one o'clock this morning. These infantry belong to the corps destined to occupy the Bucharest and Clujek positions. They Danube is so high at present that it would be difficult to place a pontoon bridge.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—General Beale, Minister to Austria, having resigned, the choice of his successor lies, it is understood, between ex-Governor Fenton, of New York, and James Russell Lowell.

The most unprecedented hot weather for this season has prevailed here for four days, the mercury ranging from 90° to 95°.

Senator Blaine denies having authorized a statement that he had no interview with President Hayes a week ago. On the contrary, he says, he spent two hours with him on Saturday, the 12th.

Ex-Gov. Kellogg, of Louisiana, publishes a letter showing that the refunding debt of that state was made under his administration; that he always paid the interest on it; that the recent rise of its bonds yesterday to nearly par is due to his financial policy, and not to the Nicholas government. He says every one of the bonds bears his signature.

A letter from South Carolina says: A. P. Butler, brother of Hampton's son-in-law, is on trial before Chief Justice Waite and Judge Bond, of the United States Court, as one of the principals in the Ellenton riots, which occurred in November last, in which several colored men were killed.

PARIS, May 19.—Republican journals are almost exclusively occupied in the discussion of the manifesto of Republican Senators and Deputies. They declare that Republican France is surprised but not alarmed, and confident of the future. The *Journal des Debats* demands that the government censure the country immediately and thus terminate the crisis. The *Republique Francaise* says that President MacMahon's message allies him personally with this movement. It advises the Republicans to avoid bravado and act calmly.

The *Constitutionnel* and *Paris Journal* defend MacMahon's course as perfectly legal. Thiers has signed the manifesto of Deputies of the Left.

The *Marseillaise* states that two deputies have drawn up a proposal for the impeachment of President MacMahon.

PARIS, May 20.—The *Soliel* says the Deputies of the Left intended to place their recent manifesto throughout the Republic. Fourteen, the new Minister of the Interior, immediately telegraphed to the Prefets to oppose this with all means, and intimated that all who failed to do so would be immediately dismissed.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Monday last Secretary Sherman tendered the appointment of Solicitor of the Treasury to ex-Governor Chamberlain, at the instance of the President, who also urged its acceptance. The Governor declined, however, on account of professional engagements regarded as more advantageous professionally and pecuniarily. The Governor had an interview with the President to-day, and leaves to-night for South Carolina to close up private business.

WESTFIELD, ILL., May 18.—The sessions of the United Brethren General Conference thus far have been largely employed in discussions and action on revision of discipline, church arrangements, etc.

On Friday afternoon the election of general officers of the Church began. Bishops J. J. Glossbrenner, J. Weaver and J. Dickson were re-elected; Rev. N. Castle, of St. Joseph Conference, and Rev. Milton Wright, of White House Conference, were also elected as Bishops; Rev. D. Berger was re-elected editor of Sabbath-school literature, and Rev. Wm. Mitterdorf, editor of the German paper; Rev. W. J. Sherry was re-elected publishing agent, and Rev. D. H. Flickinger corresponding missionary secretary; Rev. J. K. Billheimer was elected missionary treasurer; Rev. J. W. Hott, of the Virginia conference, was elected editor-in-chief of the *Religious Telescope*, the chief organ of the church, and Rev. W. O. Tobey, of Lower Wabash, associate editor.

St. Louis, May 20.—A most unprovoked and wanton murder was committed in East Carondelet, Ill., opposite South St. Louis, yesterday. A man named Henry Jefferys, under the influence of liquor, met a negro called George on the streets, and ordered him to get out of the way. The negro promptly obeyed, and Jefferys passed on to a saloon near by. Subsequently he went out on the street, and the same negro into the yard of a friend. He ordered the negro to come to him, but the black man refused, and ran into the house. Jefferys followed, but was prevented from entering by the negro holding the door shut. Jefferys then stepped back, drew his pistol and fired two shots through the panel of the door, both of which took effect in George's head, killing him instantly. Jefferys immediately fled, and at last accounts had not been arrested.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

OFFICE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DECATUR, ILL., May 21, 1877.
NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held at the Court House, in Decatur, on the 27th day of June next, for the purpose of electing one member of the Board of Education to serve the term of three years. Said election will be opened at 10 o'clock a. m., and closed at six o'clock p. m. W. A. BARNES, Pres't.

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Administrator's Notice

Estate of LEINE BRANTFETTER, deceased.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Leine Brantfetter, deceased, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the County Court of Mason county, to be held at the Court House, in the city of Decatur, on the third Monday of June A. D. 1877, being the first day of said term. Decatur, Ill., April 15th, A. D. 1877. J. L. WOOD, Administrator.

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The Daily Republican.
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.
Monday Evening, May 21.
CITY DEPARTMENT.

Splendid picnic weather.
It is suspected that considerable corn was planted in Macon county yesterday.

The Hackett jury put in their time yesterday in Psalm-singing.

Remember that H. Post, on Merchants street, sells nice watches and fine jewelry below list prices.

A floor lot of carpet goods was never opened in Central Illinois than may now be found at Abel & Locke's.

For brushes of all kinds go to Armstrong's. His stock embraces all kinds.

Laux & Bro. can furnish as nobby a livery rig as is to be found in town.

For smokers' articles and tobacco of all kinds, go to Brickett & Ballard's, on the west side of the old square.

A full line of ladies and gents' furnishing goods, at low prices, at S. Bin-Micha's.

May 17 d/w

For cauliflower, green peas, new potatoes and fresh strawberries, go to H. D. Green grocery in Priest house block.

Those beautiful lambrequins at Abel & Locke's are hard to beat.

Niedermyer, near the mound, can sell good groceries as cheap as any house in the city.

The best of potatoes, vegetables and a full line of "garden truck," at Newell & Hammer's.

Harvey Downing's hack connects with all trains by day or night.

For Taylor's hack leave orders at Armstrong's.

The Hines connection—
To us a child of hope is born:
To us a son is given,
Can be sung by our local reporter with much earnestness; for that is the way he is afflicted. It arrived last night, and weighs nine pounds.

Mr. W. A. Vanleur, of Friends Creek, called at our office today. He says he used the first Harworth Clock Tower that was made, that it did good work and is still in use.

Circuit Court resumed business today at 1 o'clock, and the case of The People vs. Michael Hackett was proceeded with.

While the streets about town are getting quite dry, the roads in some parts of the county are still quite muddy, and where they are dry they are still very rough.

We hear some complain that cherries are blighting and falling off in large quantities, reducing the probabilities of a large yield.

The celebrated summer coal oil stove, for summer use, on sale at C. C. Crocker's, is immensely popular with all who use it—it makes no dirt, is economical, and does not heat the house. All should see it. Mr. C. has also everything needed in the line of housekeeping goods, as well as hard and tinware.

People wanting goods in his line should call on Mr. C. before purchasing.

For a good warm meal, go to Martin's New Restaurant, 20 East Main street.
May 21 d/d

Humphreys & Son, of Arcola, have opened an office in this city for the sale of the Howe Sewing Machine. They offer to sell as cheap as the cheapest. Go and see them, in Barrett's Block, North Main street.
21 d

No Humberg.—It should be generally known
d/d

Lost.—A bunch of keys, near the post office. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving them at this office.
May 21 d/w

Firemen's Ball.—Let it be borne in mind that Neptune Hose Co., No. 3, will give a social dance at Ironmen's Hall, on Thursday evening, June 24th. The committee of arrangements will leave nothing undone that can contribute to the enjoyment of all who may attend. The Neptune boys always do things up in the style.

Special Court Notice.—On account of the inconvenience to which farmers would be subjected by being compelled to attend court as witnesses or jurors, Judge Smith, at the opening of court this afternoon, announced that at the conclusion of the Hackett case court would take a recess until Monday, June 4th, and those who have been subpoenaed as witnesses or jurors, that they will be excused from attendance until the time named except those who are jurors or witnesses in the Hackett case.

If you want an elegant dish of ice cream, go to Martin's New Confectionery, 20 East Main street.
May 21 d/d

Fire Alarm.—This afternoon just before 1 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded, but as there were only a few taps of the bell, people soon concluded that there was no fire of any considerable importance. The hose companies rallied at their respective headquarters, and one or two of them got out their hose reels, but before going far they learned that what little fire there had been was extinguished; they therefore returned. We understand that the alarm was occasioned by a house belonging to Mr. Aaron Sulick, situated on the northwest corner of Eldorado and Edward streets, taking fire from a stove-pipe passing through the roof. The roof was considerably burned, and the family residing in the house moved out a part of their furniture.

THE CHURCHES YESTERDAY.
The churches were generally well attended yesterday. At the
FIRST M. E. CHURCH
there was the usual large attendance both morning and evening, and the pulpit was occupied by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leaton, who in the morning discoursed in a very interesting manner on the Pillar of Cloud and Fire, and in the evening on the Sixth Commandment, considering suicide as a violation of the same.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Services were held at this church both morning and evening, by the pastor, who preached in the morning from Acts, 2d chap. and 1st verse; and in the evening, from Zachariah, 7th chapter and 12th verse—"Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts has sent in His spirit by the former prophets." The Reverend gentleman announced that installation services might be repeated on the second Sabbath in June, on which occasion the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper would also be administered. The weather being fine the church attendance was good.

JANES CHAPEL.
The pulpit was occupied both morning and evening by Rev. J. R. Locke, the pastor, and Sunday school at nine o'clock in the morning, under the direction of S. Overmire, Sup't. There was also a general prayer meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon, which was well attended, and the services throughout the day and evening were of a very interesting character.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
The services were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. W. G. Luman, who preached with his usual acceptability to a large and attentive audience. The Sunday school session, under the direction of Mr. O. N. Bramble, was also a very interesting one.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Services were held at the usual hours. The Rector, Rev. S. H. Granberry, preached two good sermons, the one in the morning being upon the day—Whit Sunday, giving a very clear account of its church meaning and observance.—The Parish Class will meet as usual on next Wednesday evening.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.
A good congregation assembled yesterday morning to hear Dr. Brush, of Texas. The doctor is well known throughout the Methodist connection, having filled many important positions and done much efficient work in the church. He was for a number of years president of the Upper Iowa University, and he is now talked of prominently as a candidate for some of the leading institutions in the church. He is at present Presiding Elder and Superintendent of the white work in Texas—a very important and difficult field. He preached a very able discourse from James, 1st chap. 25th verse: "Who so looketh unto the perfect law of liberty." He very forcibly exemplified the following points: 1st. The Gospel as a law. 2d. The Gospel as a law of liberty. 3d. The Gospel as a perfect law of liberty. The discourse was listened to attentively and was well received.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Brush, junior, a graduate from the Theological Institute of Evanston, preached an excellent discourse from the words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He considered the missionary idea of the text, and delivered a very polished, eloquent and impressive sermon, which elicited the undivided attention of the audience.

Dr. Brush and family, and Mr. Brush, junior, with his young bride, are the guests of Rev. Mr. Best, and this week will return to Texas.

Street Cars.—The street railway is now completed from the old square to the depot. The finishing stroke was given by Parson Bunn on Saturday evening, on which occasion quite a crowd gathered in front of Priest's Hotel, the southern terminus of the track. After fastening the last nail in a sure place, the Parson addressed those present in a few well-timed remarks, in the course of which he complimented Mr. Priest, the principal proprietor of the enterprise, in view of the persistency with which he had followed up the work in spite of opposition, until he had witnessed its consummation. At the conclusion of his remarks the speaker proposed three cheers for Mr. Priest, which were given with a will. Some one then proposed three cheers for Parson Bunn, which was responded to in an enthusiastic manner.

As the road is now completed, regular trips will be made during the day, commencing at 8 o'clock in the morning, from which time a car leaves the Priest House every half hour, and the depot at the same time, the two meeting near the point where the road turns from Main street to Cerro Gordo, which arrangement is followed until 10 o'clock in the evening. A car will also meet all the night trains.

The running of street cars will be a great convenience to our people, and thus far we are happy to notice that they go well loaded.

If you want a Sewing Machine you will do well to buy the Howe. It is a first-class machine.
[31 d]

Ice Cream in pint and quart boxes for family use, every day during the hot season at Miller's.
May 19 d/d

Wanted, at the Farmer's Store, 37 North Church street, in exchange for cash and goods, all kinds of produce.
April 30—d/wm E. B. PHARR.

A New Citizen.—Probably most of our readers are aware of the fact that Mr. Jason Rogers, late of Macon, has taken up his residence in Decatur, and is henceforth to be one of us. In noting the fact of Mr. Rogers' change of residence, the Macon News expresses itself in the following complimentary manner: "About a dozen years ago Jason Rogers became a citizen of Macon, and until last Monday held a continuous residence in this place; on that day he removed with his family to Decatur, and occupied the large and elegant residence he purchased of Wm. H. Bramble, the premises adjoining the Orlando Powers' place, and are beautifully located. The proprietor has in contemplation sundry improvements in the house and on the premises, which, when completed, will render the place one of the most attractive and desirable in the city."

While in Macon Mr. Rogers did much to enhance the business interests of the place, and it is a source of gratification to his friends to know that he has by a straightforward, honorable business course, made some money and many warm friends. On the 1st of June Mr. Rogers will enter into partnership with Robert Montgomery, in the real estate, loan and insurance business. We know Mr. Montgomery to be a fine business man, and do not doubt the new firm will be a success.

Mr. Rogers' amiable family will be missed from this community. Mrs. R. and her accomplished daughters, Miranda and Jennie, and the children too, will be held in happy remembrance by a large circle of friends.

While Mr. R. was a resident of Macon he was often in Decatur, and had, before his removal to this city, formed an acquaintance with many of our business men, so that he is not coming among strangers altogether; and his prominence as a business man in the county, obviates the necessity of any introduction of him to our people. From a personal acquaintance of several years with this gentleman, the REPUBLICAN is prepared to give the fullest endorsement to the sentiments expressed by its neighbor, the News, and cordially welcome Mr. R. and his family to the business and social circles of our city.

Minstrelsy.—On to-morrow evening the famous Kelly & Leon, with their fine troupe, will entertain Decatur people at the opera house. These masters of minstrelsy are well-known here, and their names would draw if nothing were said. That our readers may understand how their performances are regarded in Chicago, we give the following from the *Inter-Ocean*:

Kelly & Leon are the recognized leaders in their profession in America, and always take part in the performances. Leon, particularly, is famous as the impersonator of female characters and as a singer. He undoubtedly dresses, looks and acts more like a woman, on the stage, than any other man in the world. His voice is peculiarly adapted to this line, and while singing, if seen and heard by a stranger, would be set down as a fair specimen of the girl of the period. We do not feel that we are overestimating their merits when we say that Kelly & Leon's is the best troupe which has ever appeared in Chicago. The house was kept in a roar throughout the performance last night, and we do not think that a single person present could have been in any way dissatisfied with the entertainment. The burlesque scene from "Norma" was great, as was also "The Two Old-Ups."

Portraits from Life.—Frequent mention has been made in these columns of the portraits painted by Mr. R. B. Gruelle, and many persons have called at Bobbie's gallery to examine specimens of his work. A portrait now on exhibition there, painted from sittings, is attracting considerable attention, and calling forth much favorable comment from those who have seen it. Mr. Gruelle, though quite a young man, has already painted a large number of portraits, and his work has won the approbation of many good judges, among them artists of ability. Entirely devoted to his art he gives it all his attention, and betrays for it an enthusiasm that is sure to place him in the front rank among American artists. He deserves to succeed, and we have no doubt that he will.

Fine Family Carriage.—Messrs. Laux & Bro. having bought the genteel family carriage recently owned by Mr. J. L. Fenton, will hereafter keep the same at their stable, on South Main street, for the accommodation of families.

Selling an Interest in Heaven.—A little incident occurred at Warrensburg, not long ago, involving a contract between two of the residents of that village, which is of a very peculiar character. The contract will explain itself, and we give it verbatim below:

WARRENSBURG, ILL., May 13, '77.
Know all men by these presents, that I hereby do assign all my right and claim and interest in Heaven hereafter to all eternity, to B. F. Smith, for and in consideration of the sum of five cents, paid in hand.

Yours, joyfully,
E. H. HARTER.

The parties to this singular bargain we presume are known to some of our readers, and the presumption is that the gentleman selling his interest in Heaven has but little faith in a future existence, or little interest in Heaven.

WITHOUT AN EQUAL!
The hygienic properties of MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER are a marked and distinctive feature of this delicious perfume. It is a powerful power in relieving nervous headache, fainting, turns, ordinary hysteria, and its healthful disinfectant properties in the sick room, mark it as peculiarly adapted to the requirements of the boudoir, the dressing-room and the bath.
May 21 d/wm

Wanted.—Employment a portion or all of his time as book-keeper, salesman, or otherwise. Address L. R., Republican office.
March 23 d/d

CARPETS Within the past few days we have added largely to our stock of Brussels and Ingrain carpets, in new and handsome styles.
May 19 d/wm LINN & SCRUGGS.

NERVES THAT QUIVER.
Heads that ache, stomachs that inflict dyspeptic torments, muscles and joints racked with the rheumatism, are infallibly restored to health by the celebrated elixir, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine prescribed by physicians, possessing infinite purity, and which no one takes in vain who is afflicted with any of the numerous complaints to which it is adapted. It frequently happens that so-called remedies fail to produce a permanent effect. This is because they are merely palliatives, and therefore do not remove the cause of the malady, whose symptoms they after a time cease to ameliorate. This is notably the case with opiate and sedative drugs. It is not so, however, with Hostetter's Bitters, which are a searching specific that conquers the disease as well as banishes its index.

Have You a Cough?
That dry, hacking cough is the herald of approaching consumption. To check the swift progress of the destroyer, prompt and decisive measures must be resorted to. A dose of Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar Wild Cherry and Licorice, taken when the coughing spells come on, will afford immediate relief, and eventually effect a thorough cure. It will be found equally beneficial in all forms of throat and lung disorders. In cases of croup it is of inestimable value. Call at the drug store of Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill., and inquire about it. It will furnish you with a trial size bottle for ten cents. Large sizes 50 cents and One Dollar.

Also agent for Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleasant to take and requires no physic. Price 25 cents.
May 1 d/wm

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
No people in the world suffer as much with Dyspepsia as Americans. Although years of experience in medicine had failed to accomplish a certain and sure remedy for this disease and its effects, such as Sour Stomach, Heart-burn, Water-brash, Sick Headache, Constiveness, palpitation of the heart, Liver Complaint, coming up of the food, flatulency, general debility, etc., yet since the introduction of Dr. J. C. Flower we believe there is no case of Dyspepsia that cannot be immediately relieved. 30,000 dozen sold last year without one case of failure reported. Go to your drug-gists, A. J. Stoner, B. F. Gue & Son and Theo. Hildebrandt, and get a sample bottle for 10 cents and try it. Two doses will relieve you. Regular size 75 cents.
may 1 d/wm 1

RIBBONS Grant Bargains—Only 15 and 20 cents—worth 35c to \$1.00 per yard.
March 31 d/wm LINN & SCRUGGS.

Men's Plow Shoes, from \$1.75 to \$2, at BARBER & BAKER'S.
March 23 d/wm

A Large Lot of new prints, at 4¢ cents, at Linn & Scruggs.
Dec 12 d/wm

You can get a pair of ladies' kid side-lace shoes for \$2, at BARBER & BAKER'S.
March 22 d/wm

Men's fine Calf Boots, from \$3 to \$5, at Barber & Baker's.
March 23 d/wm

\$50 cash buys the Union Corn Planter. For sale by CROCK & GINSWORTH.
mar 20 wtf

"**Keystone Corn Planter.**"—Call and see the improvements for 1877.
mar 20 wsm Geo. S. DUFFEE & BRO.

Patents procured by L. P. Graham, at 36 West Wood street. [July 31 d/y]

German Class.—Miss Anna Holt will give lessons in German, in the room over Keeler's hat store, (formerly Egle Hughes' office. For particulars enquire at the rooms as above, from five to seven and a half o'clock, in the evening.
March 17—d/m

Lemonade made from lemons. Cold as ice, at MILLER'S.
May 10 d/t

Lost.—To-day, somewhere in the city, or on the wagon road from Hervey City to Decatur, a leather pocket book, containing \$45 or \$50 in bills, and fifty cents in silver. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at McDermott's grocery store.
May 10 d/t

Miller has ordered a splendid Arctic Fountain, which will soon be here. Then look out for the "boss" soda.
May 10 d/t

Ice Cream, richly flavored, big dishes, at Miller's.
May 19 d/t

Ice Cream made of pure cream, packed in ice and delivered in any part of the city by E. W. WOOD.
May 19 d/t

Drink Root Beer, at Wood's.
May 15—d/t

Everybody Goes to MILLER'S Restaurant. jand-d/t

Boarding.—Mrs. A. E. Rites has again taken possession of the boarding house, No. 76 East Main street, and will take boarders by the day or week, at reasonable rates.
May 15 d/w

Special Notice.—I hereby forbid any person selling goods to my son, Lazarus Shorb, on my account, as I shall pay no debts of his contracting.
WILLIAM H. SHORB.
Decatur, Ill., May 14, 1877—d/w

A Large Lot of best prints, just received, at S. Einstein's.
May 17 d/w

A Full Line of Black Cashmeres, very cheap, just received at S. Einstein's.
[May 17 d/w]

Best Prints, 16 yards for \$1.00, at S. Einstein's.
[May 17 d/w]

1877 SPRING 1877
DRY GOODS!
CARPETS!
Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Lace Curtains, Satin, Damask, etc., etc.
LINN & SCRUGGS
Are receiving and have on Sale all the Novelties in British and French
DRESS GOODS,
Embracing every Shade and Grade, and at lower rates than have been offered since the War. Also a New and Elegant Stock of
CARPETS,
As low in price as they can be had anywhere in the United States.
Decatur, March 15, 1877—d/wm

GOLD! GOLD!
Taken in exchange for
BOOTS AND SHOES
—AT—
L. L. FERRISS'S STORE,
or its equivalent in paper or silver, at One Dollar per pair on BOOTS, and Fifty cts. per pair on SHOES—less than any other store in Decatur is selling them. **ONE PRICE.**
Large invoices BURT'S SHOES just received.
April 10, 1877—d/wm L. L. FERRISS.

J. H. LEWIS & CO.
THEIR STOCK OF
QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE,
TOYS AND NOTIONS,
—TO—
OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,
Opposite the Fountain, next door to the furniture store.
Decatur, March 12, 1877—d/d

R. C. CROCKER,
NO. 9,
WATER STREET,
Has a choice and well-selected stock of
HARDWARE!
Cook Stoves,
Tinware,
Nails,
Glass,
Garden Tools
—AND—
Blue Glass
And numerous other articles in his line.
CHEAP FOR CASH.
Feb. 27, 1877—d/wm

OPIMUM
and Morphine habit absolutely and speedily cured. Patients guaranteed. Send stamp for particulars. Dr. C. H. VICK, 109 N. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

VICK'S
Illustrated Priced Catalogue.
Fifty pages—300 illustrations, with descriptions of the best Flowers and Vegetables in the world, and the ways to grow them—all for a Two Cent postage stamp. Sent in German and English. VICK'S SEED CATALOGUE, 25 cents a Year.
J. C. Flower and Vegetable Gardener, 25 cents a Year, in elegant cloth cover, 100,000. Address
JAMES VICK,
Rochester New York

SPRING BED BOTTOM!
Having purchased the right to manufacture the above-named SPRING BED for Northern Illinois, I am prepared to fill all orders promptly. Orders left with R. ASHBY will receive prompt attention.
OFFICE AND MANUFACTORY—Corner Cerro Gordo and Franklin Sts., Decatur, Illinois.
Decatur, Ill., April 7, 1877—d/wm
S. A. UNDERWOOD.

